



**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Bel Air High School**

**100 Heighe Street | Bel Air, MD 21014**

## **Program & Schedule**

**8:30 a.m.**                      **Registration**  
**Enjoy Continental Breakfast and Visit Exhibitors**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**        **Breakout Session 1 | Select One**

### **Workshop A – Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) Eligibility and Services**

This workshop is designed for families and students who would like more information about the Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) including the services offered, who is eligible for services, how to apply, and the role of Service Coordination of Harford County. Presenter: Beth Miller, Service Coordination of Harford County *Audience: Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop B – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and Workforce Technology Center (WTC)**

Learn about the DORS programs that lead to employment. DORS helps eligible students plan for job training, higher education and employment. DORS provides personalized support and employment services so individuals with disabilities can plan a path to a successful career. The Workforce Technology Center (WTC) is a comprehensive rehabilitation facility that offers programs and services to prepare individuals with disabilities for employment and independence. Presenter: Jan Stauffer, DORS *Audience: Self Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

**Workshop C- Journey Into the Future: Resources to Help You Along the Way** Everyone faces questions and looks for answers to help them on their journey through life. Come and learn about how to use “Charting the LifeCourse” as a template for thinking about choices, options for the future and possible resources for the future. Presenter: Jamie Stoner, Arc Northern Chesapeake Region *Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop D- Take Charge of Your Career: Market Yourself to Get a Job**

Finding a job is a job and can be competitive - how does someone stand out above the crowd? Come to this session to learn how to really market yourself. Participants will discover ways to pick out their best features and turn them into benefits to the job they want by creating a marketing script that will wow businesses during their interview. Participants will walk away with skills that they can use IMMEDIATELY by practicing what they learn in a mock interview with a real business person right after the workshop – they can create a great script AND practice using it all before they leave! Presenter: Arc Northern Chesapeake Region. *Audience: Self-Advocates*

### **Workshop E- ABLE Accounts**

Learn about ABLE accounts, a new and innovative way for people with disabilities to save money without jeopardizing means-tested benefits, such as SSI or Medicaid. A representative from Maryland ABLE will describe and answer questions about the program features, such as eligibility, how to save money in an ABLE account, and state income tax deduction opportunities. Presenter: Bette Ann Mobley, Director Maryland ABLE *Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop F- Cruisin Through Your Financial Future**

Learn to manage money, create a budget, and avoid credit card traps. This entertaining and interactive workshop will teach students how to be money smart in these financially challenging times. Presenter: Sonya Pietrogiacono, Financial Education, APGFCU *Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*



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**10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Breakout Session 2 | Select One**

### **Workshop G – Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) and Workforce Technology Center (WTC)**

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Presenter: Jan Stauffer, DORS Audience: *Self Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop H- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work Incentives Overview**

Here's a great opportunity to find out how a transition-aged student with a disability may qualify for cash benefits (SSI) and medical insurance (Medical Assistance) and how he/she can work without losing these benefits. Presenter: Paige Shepley, Community Work Incentives Coordinator, Open Doors Counseling Audience: *Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop I - High-Demand Occupation Training (HOT) Program, HCC**

This workshop is for anyone who wants to succeed in some of the high-demand, high-growth careers available in today's economy but doesn't want to pursue traditional college-level coursework? Harford Community College's H.O.T. certificate programs can help with the training needed to become economically self-sufficient. GED/ABE information will also be shared. Presenter: Rod Bourne, Harford Community College Audience: *Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop J- College 101**

This workshop is designed to assist students and parents prepare for college life. Topics covered: Preparing self in high school for college, selecting a college, procedures for college enrollment, campus support services, student responsibility and classroom accommodations. Presenter: Lorraine Peniston, Coordinator of Disability Support Services, Disability and Student Intervention Services, Harford Community College. Audience: *Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*

### **Workshop K- Guardianship and Other Alternatives**

This workshop will explore the pros and cons regarding guardianship of a family member with a disability. **Should I have a guardian?** This is a question that often arises for persons with developmental disabilities. Many parents feel that they must establish guardianship to ensure adequate care for their family member but in many cases, well-meaning actions by family members can lead to unimagined consequences for other family members in the future. Come ask questions and learn all about guardianship as well as other options for your family. Presenter: Sally Stanfield, Attorney Audience: *Parents/Caregivers*

**Workshop L- Get Active-** Come join the Fun and learn about how to get out and be active within Harford County! Learn about local Parks and Recreation programs that are available to you, what Therapeutic Recreation means and what they offer, and hear about new programs coming soon. Presenter: Rachel Kollasch, Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Audience: *Self-Advocates*



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**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Breakout Session 3 | Select One**

### **Workshop M - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Work Incentives Overview**

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### **Workshop N- Planning for the Future**

Planning for the future of a loved one with a disability can be a complicated maze to navigate. Proper financial and legal estate planning can help protect eligibility for Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and other government programs. These topics, as well as self-determination, guardianship, powers of attorney, circles of support and special needs trusts and how to create an estate to fund them will be discussed. Presenter: Monty Knittle. *Audience: Parents/Caregivers*

**Workshop O- So You Want to Drive?** Explore the “ins and outs” of obtaining a driver’s license in Maryland when various medical conditions are present. Learn about the role of the MVA’s Medical Advisory Board; the Adaptive Driving Assessment including Pre-Clinical Driving and Behind-the-Wheel Assessments; types of vehicle modifications; driving programs and the role of the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) in the process.

### **Workshop P - Getting Out There: Increasing Opportunities for Social Success**

Discovering social opportunities, meeting people and exploring personal interests and hobbies are significant to living a full, enriching life. This workshop is designed to highlight the benefits and resources of opening the doors to social success. Presenter: Jessica Leone *Audience: Self-Advocates*

### **Workshop Q- Assistive Technology: There’s an App For You!**

In this workshop, participants will discover how the iPad is a necessary tool for transition. We will share apps that enhance executive functioning skills including organization, memory, communication and pragmatics. Participants will leave with a list of apps they might find helpful in school, communication and the workplace. Presenter: Denise Schuler, Maryland Technology Assistance Program, NASA Goddard *Audience: Self-Advocates and Parents/Caregivers*